

Every day, Phoenix police officers interact with thousands of members of the public. In each instance, we do our best to protect residents, uphold the law, and keep families, the community and one another safe.

The vast majority of these interactions go unremarked upon. On occasion, certain interactions receive intense scrutiny by the public, the media and the city. That is as it should be – as police officers, each of us must be held accountable under the law. However, accountability first requires the completion of a thorough, fact-based investigation. To hold court using only emotion, without obtaining facts, or ignoring facts, does not benefit our community.

The Phoenix Law Enforcement Association has yet to receive the results of the ongoing investigation into the events of May 29, 2019. Until that investigation is complete, we are in no position to explain every moment of the video that has “gone viral” based only on our opinion. Such guesswork is not fair to our members or to the members of the public who were involved in this incident.

Moving forward, we hope reason and calm will soon become part of this community conversation.